

REMARKS

With this response, 40 claims are pending. No claims have been added or cancelled.

Claim 34 is rewritten.

- 5 It is not believed that any fees are necessary at this time. However, in the event fees are required, Applicants authorize the Commissioner to take any necessary fees, including those under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17, from deposit account 50-0913.

I. Claim objections

- 10 Claim 38 was objected to because of its punctuation. Claim 38 expressly recites only one element, but has a series of clauses that further define that element. Applicants believe that claim 38, as written, is sufficiently clear, properly punctuated, and meets the requirements for patentability. If the Office maintains its objection, Applicants respectfully request the Office to further explain and support its objection.

- 15 In addition, the Office noted that claims 38-40 were mistakenly numbered as claims 39-42 in the marked version presented in the last Amendment. Applicants note this discrepancy and agree with the Office that the previously submitted marked version was mistakenly labeled. Applicants submit that the claims are correctly numbered in this Amendment C and do not believe any further action is required. Accordingly, Applicants submit that the claim objections
- 20 have been overcome and respectfully request the Office to withdraw its objections to claims 38-40.

II. Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph

The Office rejected claim 34 as allegedly being indefinite for depending on itself. Claim 34 was subject to a typographical error. Claim 34 has been rewritten to depend from claim 30. The Applicants respectfully request the Office to withdraw the §112, second paragraph rejection
5 of claim 34.

III. Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1-40 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as allegedly being anticipated by U.S. Patent 6,217,448 to Olsen (hereinafter, Olsen). Before discussing why Applicants' invention is
10 clearly patentable over Olsen, Applicants would like to present the Office with a brief review of a preferred embodiment of their invention.

Review of a Preferred Embodiment

In a preferred embodiment, the gaming device video display system of the present invention comprises a plurality of gaming devices and a plurality of video displays. Each
15 gaming device is adapted to allow a player to place wagers and play a wagering game. In addition, each gaming device is configured to select a multi-screen presentation and transmit a request for a multi-screen presentation. The plurality of video displays is preferably positioned in close relative proximity relative to each other for use during the multi-screen presentation. Each video display may be configured to display at least a portion of the multi-screen
20 presentation, and when viewed together, the plurality of video displays may create a single integrated video presentation.

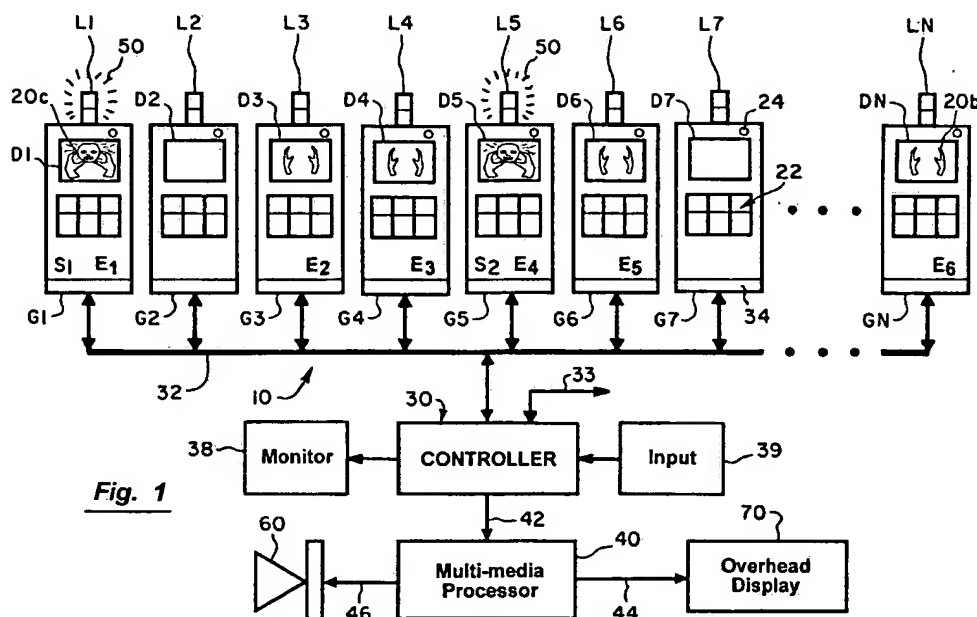
One of the advantages of the preferred embodiment above is the ability to utilize existing gaming devices and their video displays to present a single integrated video presentation. Thus, the need for a stand-alone large screen display, which is costly and occupies valuable casino space, may be eliminated.

5 Another advantage is the ability to enlarge a video presentation by displaying portions of the video presentation in multiple video displays of adjacent gaming devices. By utilizing a plurality of video displays, it is possible to present much larger and more interesting presentations. Consequently, more people may see the presentation and more people may be attracted to play the gaming devices.

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Olsen does not suggest a multi-screen presentation used to display an integrated image

Olsen purports to suggest a bonus jackpot method utilizing a plurality of linked gaming machines. *See* col. 3, ln. 65-col. 4, ln. 1. In one embodiment described in Olsen, the jackpot game is suggested as a game of “hot potato.” *See* col. 6, lns. 9-23. A central game controlled
15 purportedly determines which, if any, of the plurality of linked games will win the jackpot. *See* col. 5, ln. 18 – col. 6, ln. 8. It appears that winners will be shown a winning animation on their display terminal, while losers will be shown a losing graphic. *See* Fig. 1; col. 6, lns. 50-63. It appears that each game display is a separate and discrete image. This appears to be illustrated in figure 1 of Olsen, which, for the Office’s convenience, is reproduced below:



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Figure 1 appears to illustrate the plurality of individual game machines (G1...GN), having a plurality of individual, discrete displays (D1...DN). The game machines appear to be linked via a communications network (32) to game controller (30). Nowhere in figure 1 is there any suggestion, much less a teaching, of using discrete, individual game displays to display segments of an integrated, unified presentation, the integrated presentation being apparent when viewing a plurality of the displays.

The plurality of discrete, non-integrated, displays apparently suggested by Olsen are in contrast to the displays taught by Applicants. Applicants explicitly teach examples of using a plurality of individual displays to form larger, unified displays. Several examples illustrated in the figures, and described in the specification, clearly teach this.

For example, figure 3, reproduced below, shows an integrated image of a horse race formed by using the displays of three discrete gaming machines. Each gaming machine's

display (22, 23, 24) displays a portion of the horse race. For example, the racers are displayed in 22, the track ahead in 23, and the grandstands at the end of the race in 24. The racing game is formed by viewing the integrated image formed by all three displays.

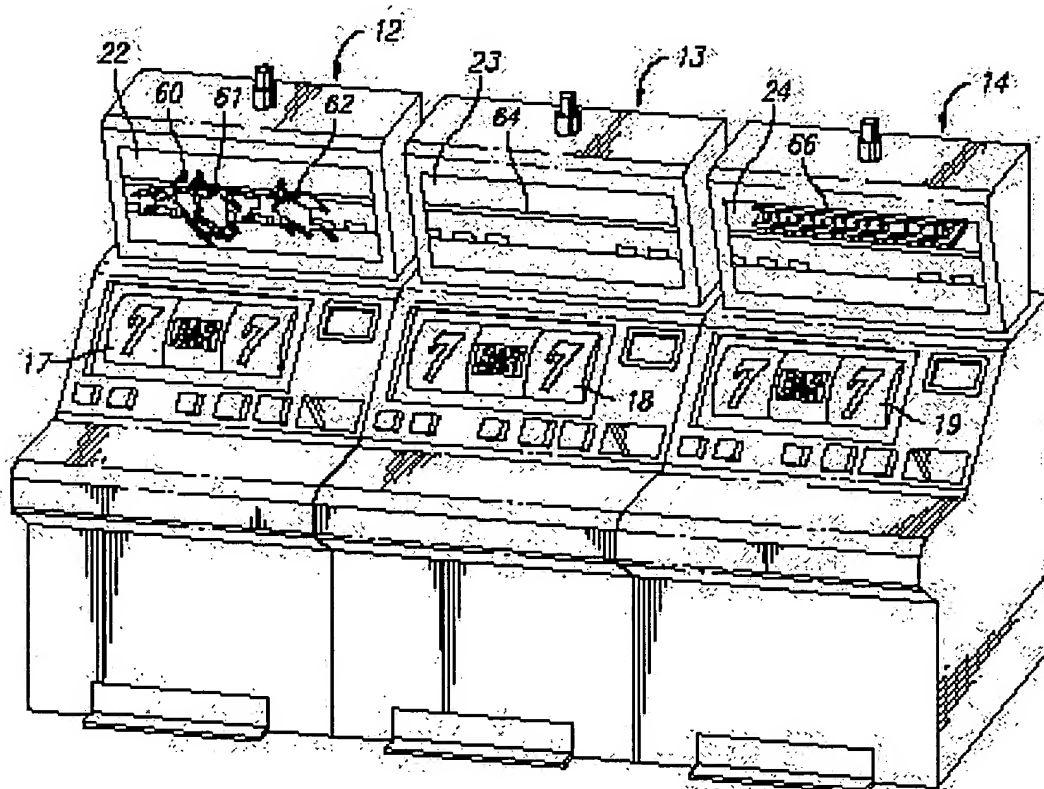


FIG. 3



The present claims clearly distinguish Applicants' invention over Olsen. For example, element B of claim 1 is:

(B) a plurality of video displays, each video display being adapted to display a video presentation, the video displays being positioned in close relative proximity to allow a video presentation to be displayed using the plurality of video displays, a portion of the video presentation being displayed on each of the video displays, **wherein the video presentation appears to be an integrated, multi-screen presentation; and...** (emphasis added)

Independent claims 9, 15, 20, 25, 30, 38, and 39 contain similar language. Because Olsen does not provide an integrated, multi-screen presentation, it does not teach all elements of Applicants' claimed invention and cannot anticipate it. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request the Office to withdraw the §102(e) rejection of claims 1-40.

CONCLUSION

For all of the above reasons, the applicants submit that the present application is in condition for allowance. If the examiner has any questions regarding this response or this application, the examiner is encouraged to call the Applicants' attorney, Ryan A. Heck, at (775) 826-6160.

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